

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 18 - page 6, line 8 with the following amended paragraph, marked to show the changes made:

Please refer to Fig. 3 which is a schematic diagram illustrating a cross-sectional view of a cold cathode fluorescent flat lamp according to a first preferred embodiment of the present invention. The cold cathode fluorescent flat lamp includes an enclosure chamber 18 sealed by two reciprocally parallel ~~pates~~ plates of glass 13, an anode 11 and a cathode 12 disposed in the enclosure chamber 18, an auxiliary anode 15 disposed between the anode 11 and the cathode 12, and a printed circuit board 16 for providing a voltage for the anode 11 and the cathode 12.

Preferably, a first distance between the auxiliary anode 15 and the cathode 12 is smaller than a second distance between the auxiliary anode 15 and the anode 11 in order to assist the emitting of electrons from the cathode 12 and also to inhibit the bombardment of cation on the cathode 12.

The anode 11 and the cathode 12 are parallel to each other. The auxiliary anode 15 is attached to a surface of either plates of glass 13 and parallel to the cathode 12. A gas 14 is contained in the enclosure chamber. The gas 14 is selected from a group consisting of inert gas, mercury gas, and a mixing gas thereof. Preferably, the inert gas can be a helium gas, a neon gas, an argon gas, a krypton gas, a xenon gas, or a mixing gas thereof. A pressure of the gas 14 contained in the enclosure chamber 18 is ranged from 3 to 200 torr. Preferably, the anode 11 and the cathode 12 are made of nickel, and the auxiliary is made of a material selected from a group consisting of copper, nickel, and aluminum.